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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE
WORKING SESSION AND LUNCH AT THE MONCLOA PALACE

1. WE FORWARD BELWO BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, IN CASE IT IS
NOT AVAILABLE TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PARTY, ON THE REMAINING
SPANISH PARTICIPANTS IN THE DISCUSSIONS AND LUNCH AT THE MONCLOA
PALACE.

2. EDUARDO CARRILES GALARRAGA (52) MINISTER OF FINANCE:
CARRILES WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE SAME CITY (SANTANDER) AS SECOND
VICE PRESIDENT OSORIO, WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN CLOSELY
ASSOCIATED IN CATHOLIC ACTION GROUPS AND IN THE NATIONAL
RAILROAD NETWORK (RENFE), OF WHICH OSORIO WAS PRESIDENT.
CARRILES HAS BEEN AN ADVISOR ON ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM TO
THE PRESIDENCY, A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON CON-
SUMPTION IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AND PRESIDENT
OF "RADIO POPULAR" (A PRIVATE NETWORK UNDER THE INFLU-
ENCE OF THE CHURCH HIERARCHY). CARRILES, REPORTEDLY,
WAS A LAY ADVISER TO CARDINAL TARANCON BETWEEN 1970
AND HIS APPOINTMENT AS FINANCE MINISTER. HE WAS
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DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SPAIN'S LARGEST INSURANCE COMPANY,
"LA UNION Y FENIX ESPANOL." HE HAS COME IN FOR HEAVY
CRITICISM, BEING GENERALLY THOUGHT OF AS BEING NEITHER
A FORCEFUL NOR A PARTICULARLY COMPETENT FINANCE MIN-
ISTER.

3. CARLOS PEREZ DE BRICIO OLARIAGA, MINISTER OF

INDUSTRY: A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT, CARLOS PEREZ DE BRICIO (48), IS PROMINENT IN THE STEEL INDUSTRY. IN 1968 HE WAS EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF UNESID, A UNION OF NEARLY ALL SPANISH STEEL-PRODUCING FIRMS, AND IN 1969 HE CHAIRED THE OECD SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE STEEL INDUSTRY. FROM 1969 TO 1974 HE WORKED IN THE MINISTRY HE NOW HEADS, AS ITS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SHIPBUILDING AND METALLURGIC INDUSTRIES; THEN HE WAS AN OFFICIAL OF ENSIDA, A LARGE STEEL FIRM, UNTIL HIS CABINET APPOINTMENT. PEREZ DE BRICIO IS ALSO EXPERIENCED IN FOREIGN TRADE RELATIONS. EARLIER IN HIS CAREER HE WORKED IN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CUSTOMS, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AND TOOK PART IN MAY NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING SPAIN'S ACCESSION TO THE GATT. HE IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE CABINET'S TECHNOCRATS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF FEDISA, A POLITICAL STUDIES GROUP FORMED BY "LIBERAL" REGIME FIGURES AS A KIND OF OPPOSITION TO FRANCO IN MID-1975 AND HE MAY BE A MEMBER OF THE SEMI-SECRET CATHOLIC LAY ORGANIZATION OPUS DEI. HE REPORTEDLY IS PUSHING ACTIVELY FOR GREATER JAPANESE, GERMAN AND OTHER EUROPEAN INVESTMENTS HERE, SOMETHING THAT COULD CLASH WITH U.S. INVESTMENT INTERESTS. HE HAS VISITED THE UNITED STATES SEVERAL TIMES.

4. JOSE LLADO FERNANDEZ-URRUTIA, MINISTER OF COMMERCE: LLADO, 42, IS A CHEMICAL ENGINEER AND WAS A PROFESSOR OF INDUSTRY ECONOMY UNTIL 1967. HE HAS SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1969) AND AS INDUSTRY MIN-
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ISTRY REPRESENTATIVE IN SPANISH DELEGATION WHICH NEGOTIATED FIRST AGREEMENT WITH COMMON MARKET IN 1970. HE ALSO HAS BEEN PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH-SPANISH COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGHER COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER, HE WAS UNDER SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. (LLADO IS FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA'S BORTHER-IN-LAW THEY ARE MARRIED TO SISTERS).

5. AURELIO MENDEZ MENENDEZ, MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE: MENENDEZ, 50, IS A LAWYER BY TRAINING AND HAS BEEN A "CATEDRATICO" (TENURED FULL PROFESSOR) OF MERCANTILE LAW AT THREE SPANISH UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING MADRID'S AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY. HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF A CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT AND HE IS CLOSE TO CORTES (PARLIAMENT) PRESIDENT FERNANDEZ-MIRANDA, WHO IN TURN IS VERY CLOSE TO THE KING. MENENDEZ IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE GOVT "POLITICAL" MINISTERS: HE IS FUNDAMENTALLY A TECHNICIAN. AND HE HAS BEEN HEAVILY CRITICIZED FOR ALLEGEDLY DOING

NOTHING TO CLEAN UP THE GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED MESS IN THE
UNIVERSITIES.

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6. JUAN JOSE ROVIRA Y SANCHEZ HERRERO, SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES: ROVIRA, 57, HAS SERVED AS SPANISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON SINCE LATE 1976. IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THAT HE HEADED UP THE SPANISH DELEGATION WHICH NEGOTIATED THE 1976 US-SPANISH TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION, AND IN THAT CAPACITY HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH CURRENT FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF GOVT GUTIERREZ MELLADO, WHO LED THE MILITARY COMPONENT OF THE SPANISH NEGOTIATING TEAM. PRIOR TO AND DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS, ROVIRA SERVED AS UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (THE NUMBER 2 SLOT IN THE MINISTRY). EARLIER IN HIS CAREER HE HAD BEEN AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA AND CANADA AND HAD SERVED FOR NINE YEARS (1956-1964) AS DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE US AND SPAIN. ROVIRA, A POLITICAL CONSERVATIVE, IS CONSIDERED TO BE A HIGHLY COMPETENT PROFESSIONAL.

7. JUAN DURAN-LORIGA RODRIGANEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S OFFICE OF NORTH AMERICAN AND FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS: DURAN, 51, SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO THE FORMER SPANISH COLONY OF EQUATORIAL GUINEA (1968-1969), WHERE HE WAS DECLARED PERSONA NON
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GRATA BY THAT NATION'S MERCURIAL PRESIDENT MACIE FOR ALLEGED INTERFERENCE IN THE NEWLY-INDEPENDENT NATION'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND AS AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN THEREAFTER. AFTER BRIEF SERVICE IN ANOTHER POSITION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HE CAME TO HIS PRESENT POST IN ABOUT MARCH 1976. DURAN IS GENERALLY MOST COOPERATIVE. HOWEVER, HE IS NOT BY BACKGROUND A DEDICATED ADVOCATE OF SPAIN'S NEW EUROPEAN VOCATION AND MAY NOT HAVE COMMITTED HIMSELF PERSONALLY ON THE ISSUE OF SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. ALSO, HE FINDS HIMSELF UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO RESPOND TO SENTIMENTS IN SPAIN THAT THE SPANISH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES SHOULD HAVE A LARGER SPANISH CONTENT.

8. FRANCISCO JAVIER RUPEREZ RUBIO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S CABINET (SECRETARIAT): RUPEREZ, 36, IS A BRIGHT, WELL CONNECTED AND RAPIDLY RISING CAREER DIPLOMAT. ALTHOUGH HE ONLY GRADUATED FROM THE DIPLOMATIC SCHOOL TEN YEARS AGO, RUPEREZ HAS SHOT UP WITHIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AS THE RESULT OF HIS CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA, WHOM HE FIRST SERVED AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF CABINET WHEN THE LATTER WAS UNDER-SECRETARY IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. RUPEREZ' RAPID RISE AND HIS NEARNESS TO IMPORTANT EVENTS COULD HAVE GONE TO HIS HEAD BUT THEY HAVE NOT. HE IS A VERY DECENT PERSON. IN A SENSITIVE JOB, HE HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO US WITHOUT BEING INDISCREET. POLITICALLY, RUPEREZ HAS IN THE PAST TAKEN POSITIONS WHICH ARE MORE LIBERAL (IN THE AMERICAN SENSE) THAN THOSE OF THE SUAREZ GOVERNMENT. HE IS AN ADMIRER OF JOAQUIN RUIZ GIMENEZ, THE HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE WHO HEADS THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC SLATE IN THE ELECTIONS. HIS OWN VIEW IS THAT SPANISH DIPLOMATS MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN DIPLOMACY AND POLITICS AND HE HAS CHOSEN TO HAVE PERSONAL POLITICAL VIEWS BUT TO REMAIN A DIPLOMAT HE ACCOMPANIED PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ TO THE US AND ACTED AS HIS INTERPRETER AT MOST MEETINGS. STABLER

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